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REPORT NO.

TOPIC Welzow Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. At 12:17 p.m. on 23 March 1954, there was air activity by swept-back jet aircraft. The weather was cloudless with light haze. About 1:30 p.m., a MIG-15 or U-MIG-15 towing a sleeve target crossed over the field, then dropped the air sleeve and landed. About 2 hours later, another aircraft towing a sleeve target was observed aloft. Individual take-offs were made by swept-back jet aircraft up to 5 p.m. The aircraft remained aloft for 15 to 20 minutes. The Nos 406, 408 and 411 were observed on three landing aircraft. About 15 MIG-15 or U-MIG-15s were parked at the field.

2. Two model AA 1 MK 2 radar sets were located just north of the northeastern end of the runway. Between these sets and the railroad line were two masts which were interconnected by a wire. A radio installation with one mast was located east of the railroad station and another installation of the same type was about 1,000 meters from the edge of the field.

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1. Comment. Welzow airfield is still occupied by a fighter regiment equipped with about 28 MIG-15s. Aircraft Nos 406 and 411 have previously been observed in Welzow. No 408 was observed with the fighter regiment at alt Loennewitz airfield in July 1953; the latter regiment transferred to Brand in August 1953.

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